

## MEDIEVAL DIRLETON ARCHAEOLOGY

The Gullane and Dirleton History Society plan to continue the investigation of Medieval Dirleton this Summer. In 2016 test pits were dug in the Estate wood to the west of the Telephone Exchange. Medieval pottery was found in the pit behind the Bus Stop. In 2017 this pit was enlarged to cover about 20 square metres. Evidence was uncovered which strongly suggests that the Medieval Village lay between the Castle Inn and the School. It is very probable that the houses on the north side of the road through the Village were demolished to accommodate the extension of the wider turnpike road through the Village. While preparing to back fill the trench the edge of a possible pit was found dug into the boulder clay surface left by the last ice age. It may be an ash pit suggesting that there would have been a house near by.

This year the plan is to explore this pit and its environs up to the back of the Estate wall. A second trench will be dug behind the wall further to the west where traces of medieval buildings may exist.

The proposal is to start work on Monday 2 July and work every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00 to 16.00 until the end of August depending on the availability of diggers. We will be delighted if people with all degrees of experience will join us to help uncover the past.

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